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Mukilteo Terminal Temporary Closure Outreach

If you traveled on the Mukilteo/Clinton route this week, you may have seen the WSF outreach team speaking with customers and handing out information in the holding lanes regarding the temporary closure of the Mukilteo terminal planned for three extended weekends: March 18-20; March 25-27; and April 1-3. In case you didn't catch them, the outreach team will be riding the ferries next week. For more information on the temporary closure, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/preservation.

Presentation to the Senate Transportation Committee

On Thursday, I joined Todd Pacific Shipyards CEO Steve Welch in a presentation to the Senate Transportation Committee on the new vessel construction program. We briefed them on the successful progress of the Kwa-di Tabil Class ferries as well as work done on the design for the 144-car ferry. You may view the presentation on the TVW archives by visiting www.tvw.org. To learn more about the new vessel program, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/ or to view newly posted photos of the Kennewick in construction, visit www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157625122138479/.

Sale of Passenger-Only Ferries

This week, we sold our two remaining passenger-only ferries Kalama and Skagit to Scope Community Consultants Ltd of Port Coquitlam, B.C., for \$400,000. They will be transported by cargo ship to Tanzania, where they'll provide ferry service between the mainland and Zanzibar. The ferries, built in 1989, have been docked and inactive since September 2009. The state Legislature directed WSDOT to end its passenger-only service in 2006. As you may recall, WSF sold the Chinook and Snohomish to Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District in 2009. Photos of the Kalama and Skagit are available at www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157625957897089.

Meeting on Alternative Fuels for Vessels

I asked a representative from our vessel department to attend a meeting on Thursday about alternative fuels. The focus of the meeting was on liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a fuel to comply with future emission controls for the shipping industry. WSF is very interested in LNG as a potential future fuel source, and we are actively seeking ways to reduce our fuel consumption and decrease our emissions.

Seattle Waterfront Meeting

On Thursday night, I attended a presentation and open house hosted by Waterfront Seattle: A Partnership Between the City of Seattle and Our Civic, Business and Community Organizations. I found the ideas and discussion informative since Colman Dock is a central transportation hub on the waterfront and the east side terminal for two of our largest routes. I look forward to future planning discussions on this topic.

Next Week:

- Meeting on the State for Smart Transportation Initiatives
- Construction on Port Townsend and Coupeville terminal tollbooths begins next week
- Meetings with our bargaining units

David Moseley's weekly reports are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

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